

ARGUMENTS/REMARKS

Applicants would like to thank the Examiner for the careful consideration given the present application. The application has been carefully reviewed in light of the Office action, and amended as necessary to more clearly and particularly describe and claim the subject matter which applicants regard as the invention.

Claims 1-20, 22-55, and 58-65 remain in this application. Claims 21, 56, and 57 have been canceled.

The Examiner objected to claims 1-54 for the use of the term "and/or". The term has been removed from the claims, making the objections moot. Further, the Examiner objected to claim 61 for being confusing. Claim 61 has been amended to address the Examiner's objection, making it moot.

The Examiner has indicated that the above claims would be allowable if the objections were addressed. Because the objections are moot in light of the claim amendments, claims 1-54, and 61-65 are thus in a condition for allowance.

Finally, the Examiner rejected claim 55 as being anticipated by Hariharan *et al.* (U.S. 4,970,703). Claim 55 has been amended to incorporate the elements of claims 56 and 57, making the rejection moot.

The Examiner has indicated that claims 56-60 would be allowable if the rejection were addressed. Because claim 55 has been amended to incorporate the elements of claims 56 and 57, claims 55 and 58-60 are now in a condition for allowance.

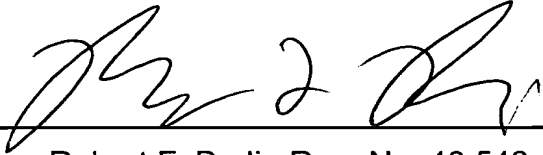
In consideration of the foregoing discussion, it is respectfully submitted that the present application is in a condition for allowance and notice to that effect is hereby requested. If it is determined that the application is not in a condition for allowance, the examiner is invited to initiate a telephone interview with the undersigned attorney to expedite prosecution of the present application.

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If there are any additional fees resulting from this communication, please charge same to our Deposit Account No. 16-0820, our Order No. 36145.

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